

In the Specification:

Please amend paragraph [0001] of the Specification, as amended herein below.

**[0001]** This application claims the benefit under 35 U.S.C. 119(e) of provisional application U.S. Serial No. 60/413,842, filed September 24, 2002, entitled "SERA SCREEN ELISA PROTOTYPE," **and provisional application U.S. Serial No. 60/474,655, filed May 30, 2003, entitled "SOLUBLE HLA MOLECULES, APPARATUS AND METHODS: VLDL RECEPTOR TAGGING, ANTIBODY REMOVAL SCREENING AND IMMUNOSUPPRESSANT THERAPY"**, the contents of which are hereby expressly incorporated herein by reference in their entirety.